

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

From 281200A Mar 45  
To 291200A Mar 45  
Hq. 12th Army Group  
APO 655  
292300A March 1945

No. 297

G-3 REPORT

Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000 LIBRARY &  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000 CONGRESS  
(Situation Map attached). SERIAL RECORD

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

APR 12 1945

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Copy  
GOVT. SOURCE

SECRET  
:Auth: CG, 12th Army Group :  
:Init: C. T. S. :  
:Date: 29 March 1945 G. :

Boundary between 6th and 12th Army Groups: As before to BUSS Q3175 thence  
SAARBRUCKEN Q4571 - NEUNKIRCHEN Q5983 - NOHFELDEN L5709 - OBERSTEIN L7022 -  
MEISENHEIM L9523 - ALZEY M2627 - OPPENHEIM M4439 - GR. GERAU M5347 - FRANKFURT  
M6769 (all incl to 12th Army Gp) - railroad north of MAIN River to HANAU M8470 -  
FULDA H3718 - MEININGEN H8923 (all incl to 6th Army Gp).

Boundary between Third and First Armies (effective 0300A): LOSHEIM L0396 -  
STADTKYLL L1496 (incl Third Army) - MULLENBACH L4191 - MAYEN L6392 - LUTZEL L8996 -  
thence along east bank of RHINE River and along LAHN River to G340Q - MUNSTER  
M3797 - WOLFENHAUSEN M4198 - LANGENBACH G4600 - KROFFELBACH G5205 - HOCHHELMHEIM  
G6213 - GARBENTEICH G7116 - OPPENROD G7521 - BERSROD G7825 - BERNSFELD G8830 -  
KIRTORF G9642 - ARNSHAIN G9946 - TREYSA H0158 - DILLICH H0867 - PRITZLAR H0782 -  
ALTENHASUNGEN C0405 - ROSEBECK C0526 (all incl to First Army).

Temporary boundary between Ninth US Army and Second British Army: Present  
boundary to confluence of RHINE and LIPPE Rivers - WACKENBRUCH A2440 - HEIDE A2843 -  
A4047 - LEMBECK A4852 (all excl Ninth Army) - LETTE A6266 (incl Ninth Army) -  
COESFELD A6172 (excl Ninth Army).

Boundary between V and III Corps (effective 0300A): As before along LAHN  
River to G5418 - thence G5919 - RJ G6321 - G6523 - G6826 (all incl to III Corps) -  
RJ G7029 - ALLENDORF G7631 (all incl to V Corps) - NONNECK G7833 (to III Corps) -  
MARDORF G8341 (to V Corps) - RJ G8544 (to III Corps) - LANGENSTEIN G8649 (to V  
Corps) - HATZBACH G8953 (to III Corps) - LISCHHEID G9058 - MOISCHEID G9264 -  
DODENHAUSEN G9269 - ODERSHAUSEN G9677 - BAD WILDUNGEN G9781 - GIFLITZ G9785 -  
MEHLEN G9586 (all incl to V Corps) - HEMFURTH G9286 (to III Corps) - ASEL G8489 -  
RJ G8490 (all incl to V Corps).

Boundary between III and VII Corps (effective 0300A): As before along  
railroad to MARBURG G7245 - thence G7546 - RJ G7553 - RJ G7059 - RJ G7265 -  
BOTTENDORF G7570 - GEISMAR G7875 - LOUISENDORF G8078 - G8282 (all incl VII Corps) -  
RJ G8490 (incl to III Corps).

Boundary between V and VII Corps (effective 0300A): RJ G8490 - CR G8296 -  
CR G8399 - RJ B8705 (all incl to VII Corps) - RJ B8907 (excl VII Corps) - RJ B9026  
(incl to VII Corps).

Boundary between XVI and XIX Corps (effective 271600A): RHINE River at A2132 -  
A2634 - A2834 - A3234 - A3335 - A3536 - LIPPE River at A3641 - thence along LIPPE  
River.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (281200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps and II French  
Corps. No change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Assembled in the vicinity of MECKENHEIM R3689.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. Assembled in the vicinity of DEIDESHEIM R3290.

XV Corps. 44th Division. Relieved elements of the 3d Division in the northern  
outskirts of MANNHEIM M5400, occupied the northern half of MANNHEIM and advanced up

to eighteen miles northeast on a four-mile front. Front line change: R5499 - M5701 - M6001 - M6301 - M6905 - M6808 - M7617 - M7322. 45th Division. Advanced up to four miles east on a nine-mile front. Front line change: M6621 - M6824 - M7231. 12th Armored Division. Began movement to cross the RHINE River.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH US ARMY. (282400A). XIX Corps. 2d Armored Division. Combat Command "A" assembled in the vicinity of A3234 and commenced move to an assembly area north of LIPPE River. 83d Division. Assembled in the vicinity of F1694.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. 79th Division. Cleared all enemy resistance south to the RHINE-HERNE Canal and from the RHINE River east to the Autobahn at A3520, and advanced up to one mile east on the left flank. Resistance varied from light on the right to heavy on the left. Front line change: A3017 - A3519 - A3520 - A3623 - A3624 - A3726. 35th Division. Advanced up to one and one-half miles east on a five-mile front under increasing small arms, mortar and artillery fire. Front line change: A3827 - A4028 - A4126 - A4228 - A4329 - A4429 - A4430 - A4432 - A4533. 8th Armored Division. (With the 290th Inf atchd). Attacked through the 30th Division and advanced two and one-half to four miles east on a four-mile front against heavy resistance. Front line change: A4333 - A4334 - A4832 - A4833 - A4734 - A4537 - A4539 - A4440. 75th Division. (Less the 290th Inf). The 291st Infantry commenced movement to the east bank of the RHINE River.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XVIII US Airborne Corps. 17th Airborne Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Advanced seventeen miles northeast and captured HALTERN A6249 and DULMEN A6859. 1st Commando Brigade passed to command of XVIII US Airborne Corps. Front line change: HALTERN A6249 - DULMEN A6859. 6th British Airborne Division. Advanced four miles east on a three-mile front and captured LEMBECK A4852. Front line change: A4950 - A4951 - LEMBECK A4852.

XII Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 157th Bde atchd). Advanced five to seven miles northeast on a five-mile front. Captured BORKEN A3961 and HELDEN A4459 and reached GEMEN A4063. Front line change: HELDEN A4459 - BORKEN A3961 - GEMEN A4063. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). Advanced three miles north on a five-mile front and occupied that part of BOCHOLT A2260 south of the river. Front line change: A2755 - A2557 - A2459 - A2360 - BOCHOLT A2260 - A2160 - A2159 - A2057. 15th Division. Advanced two miles north on a two-mile front. Front line change: A1555 - A1455 - A1352.

XXX Corps. 3d Division. Attacked east through the 51st Division and advanced three and one-half miles on a two-mile front against small arms fire. Front line change: A1860 - A1861. 51st Division. Advanced one mile north on a two-mile front. 9th Brigade reverted to the command of the 3d Division. Front line change: A1361 - A1362 - A1063. 43d Division. Advanced one to two miles north on a one and one-half mile front against moderate opposition. Front line change: A0962 - A0762. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced two miles north on a five-mile front and entered EMMERICH E9760. Front line change: A0163 - A0062 - E9760.

II Canadian Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I Canadian Corps and I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (28 March). Eighth Air Force: 965 B17s dropped 2,520 tons of bombs on factory targets in BERLIN and HANNOVER. 371 P51s sortied on escort and fighter sweeps. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: 217 Medium Bombers attacked oil dumps in the PADERBORN B6048 area. The Tactical Air Commands flew 794 sorties. Claims included 2 enemy aircraft, 38 locomotives, 322 railroad cars and 823 motor transport.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light rain in north at dawn, spreading southeast over the entire

area by 1800 hours. Clouds: Overcast. Visibility: 1 mile at dawn, becoming 3 to 4 miles by noon and decreasing to 1 mile by late afternoon. Wind: Light, westerly. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 55° F. Minimum 45° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. Artillery fire increased along the entire division front.

THIRD ARMY. 71st Division. Assigned to Third Army and attached to XII Corps. Commenced movement to the corps area. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. Assigned to Third Army. Remained in SHALF Reserve.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Made a small gain east on a three-mile front. Front line change: M9261 - M9184 - M9266 - M8870. 4th Armored Division. Spearhead advanced fifteen miles north, then turned east and gained an additional twenty-six miles against little or no resistance. Units reached ULRICHSTEIN H0320 and LAUTERBACH H1727. Combat Command "R" closed in the vicinity of MUNZEMBERG G7306. The 328th Infantry Regiment reverted to the control of the 26th Division. Front line change: M8688 - G8209 - G8314 - ULRICHSTEIN H0320 - LAUTERBACH H1727 - H0128 - G9525 - G8425 - G8120 - G7116 - G7307 - M7698. 90th Division. The 359th Infantry Regiment crossed into the bridgehead over the MAIN River and closed in an area west of HAMAU M8470. 6th Armored Division. Attached to XX Corps. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" assembled in the vicinity of OFFENBACH M7367, then moved across the MAIN River into the bridgehead and attacked to the north. Units reached FRIEDBERG M7294 and M7287. A heavy ponton bridge was completed in the vicinity of BORNIGHEIM M7971. Front line change: FRIEDBERG M7294 - M7287 - M7273. 5th Division. Attached to the XX Corps. Continued fighting against strong resistance in FRANKFURT M6770. Three-fourths of the city has been cleared of organized resistance. Front line change: M7071 - M6872 - M6671 - M6569 - M6469 - M6467 - M6367.

XX Corps. 80th Division. Advanced fourteen miles north against light resistance. Captured FLORSHEIM M5057 and WIESBADEN M3664. Units advanced to SCHLOSSBORN M4678 and established contact with units of the 9th Armored Division (First Army) in the vicinity of M4172. The contact with the 9th Armored Division closed the pocket north and west of WIESBADEN. Front line change: FLORSHEIM M5057 - M5058 - M4661 - M4466 - SCHLOSSBORN M4678 - M4274 and NAUROD M4070 - M3965 - WIESBADEN M3664 - M3359. 65th Division. The 261st Infantry Regiment was attached to the 11th Armored Division. The 65th Division closed in a forward assembly area with the 259th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of M3040, the 260th Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of M2340 and the 261st Infantry Regiment, which had subsequently reverted to division control, in the vicinity of M3133. 11th Armored Division. Attached to XII Corps. Combat Command "A" crossed the RHINE River in the vicinity of OPPENHEIM M4440 and advanced to M8973. Combat Command "B" moved to the vicinity of M7053. Front line change: M8973. 3d Cavalry Group. Units moved to the vicinity of M4457. 94th Division. Assigned to Fifteenth Army.

VIII Corps. 89th Division. Advanced three miles east through the HINTER WALD M1464 against moderate resistance. Front line change: M0954 - M1156 - M1459 - M1664 - M1867 - M2570 - M2571. 76th Division. Advanced three miles east against light and disorganized resistance and captured STECKENROTH M2776. Front line change: M2875 - STECKENROTH M2776 - M2979. 6th Cavalry Group. Contacted units of the 9th Armored Division (First Army) in the vicinity of OBERAUROFF M3679. Units advanced against light to moderate opposition from isolated pockets of resistance and reached IDSTEIN M3880 and ERBACH M2690. Front line change: M3080 - OBERAUROFF M3679. 87th Division. Advanced east and contacted units of the 9th Armored Division (First Army). Resistance in the division zone of advance was light and scattered. Units reached NIEDER SELTERS M3492, NIEDER BRECHEN M3096, LINDENHOLZHAUSEN M2797 and M2287

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 272d Infantry. Reverted to control of the 69th Division. 9th Armored Division. (With the 38th Inf atchd). Units of the Third Army established the initial contact with the division in the vicinity of M3678 at 1600A. The division subsequently attacked from the vicinity of WEILBURG G5709 and advanced twenty miles along the south bank of the LAHN River. Units reached GROSSEN-LINDEN

G6415 and G7219. Front line change: WEILBURG G3709 - GROSSEN-LINDEN G6415 - G7219. 2d Division. Relieved units of the 9th Armored Division in LIMBURG M2398 and were in turn relieved in this town by units of the Third Army at 1945A. The division followed the advance of the 9th Armored Division and mopped up. The 38th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 9th Armored Division: 102d Cavalry Group. Relieved by units of the Third Army in DIEZ M2097 at 1720A. 69th Division. Completed a movement across the RHINE River and closed in assembly areas. The 271st Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of M0793, the 272d Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of L9993 and the 273d Infantry Regiment in the vicinity of M1195.

III Corps. 7th Armored Division. Captured GIESSEN G6620. Then attacked northeast and advanced five miles against moderate resistance to the line of the railroad from G8348 to G7350. Class 70 bridges were seized intact over the LAHN River at G6929 and G6725. Front line change: G7636 - G8348 along railroad to G7350. 9th Division. Followed the advance of the 7th Armored Division and mopped up. The 47th Infantry Regiment reached the LAHN River from G7033 to G7039. The 60th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of FRONHAUSEN G6734. The 39th Infantry Regiment commenced to assemble in the vicinity of KOLSCHHAUSEN G4626. 99th Division. Followed the advance of the 7th Armored Division and mopped up. The 393d Infantry Regiment captured WETZLAR G5417. The 394th Infantry Regiment relieved units of the 7th Armored Division in GIESSEN G6620. The 395th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of M6425. Front line change: G6820 - G6823. 28th Division. Remained assembled west of the RHINE River in the vicinity of ANDERNACH F7604. 14th Cavalry Group. Closed in the vicinity of G2712.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Units cleared remaining organized resistance from MARBURG G7346 as the remainder of the division consolidated positions. The division then attacked and extended the spearhead twenty-three miles north against light resistance. Front line change: G6957 - G7084 - G6683 - G5963 - G4354. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf). Relieved units of the 3d Armored Division in MARBURG G7346. Then followed in close support of the advance of the 3d Armored Division and mopped up isolated pockets of resistance. Front line change: G4737 - G3938 - G3338 - G2538. 1st Division. The 16th Infantry cleared remaining organized resistance from the division sector north to the SIEG River F9045. Other units continued to mop up in the sector against light and scattered resistance. The division then attacked toward SIEGEN G2153 and advanced to BURBACH G2438 and WAHLBACH G2240. Front line change: BURBACH G2438 - G2340 and G1340 - G0040 - F9912 along SIEG River to F8340. 8th Division. The 13th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of G1336. Then attacked through the 1st Division and reached the WILDEN River from G2042 to G1341. The 20th Infantry closed in the vicinity of F4443 and then commenced movement to the division area east of the RHINE River. The 121st Infantry Regiment remained in position along the west bank of the RHINE River. Front line change: G2042 along WILDEN River to G1341 - G1340. 78th Division. Continued to defend the line of the SIEG River. 86th Division. Relieved the 28th Infantry Regiment (8th Div) and assumed responsibility for the sector along the west bank of the RHINE River from F5341 to F3875 at 0001A.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 97th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 282400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	66,141	270,106	35,466	9,317	381,030
Non-battle					283,388
			Total Casualties		664,418

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group	
II French Corps	KANDEL R3353
3d Division	BURSTADT M5216
44th Division	LAMPERTHEIM M5311
71st Division	OGGERSHEIM R4699
2d French Division	RHEINZABERN R4058
3d Algerian Division	KANDEL R3353

207/4